

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the last paragraph on page 5, which continues onto page 6 with the following rewritten version:

“In the case of this cushioning mat, spring members ~~11~~ 12 are disposed adjacent each other and are interconnected for operative connection transversely relative to their longitudinal extension, that is relative to the first direction. The first direction extends parallel to a surface of the char, bed or the like, which is usable by a user. The spring members have spring parts 12a, 15a, which are slightly raised transversely relative to the usable surface. The spring parts 12a, 15a are, however, portions of the spring members 12, which are integral with the spring members, and are generally and continuously formed from the latter. Nevertheless the spring parts 12a, 15a are resiliently – so-called point resiliently – deformable, where required, individually, independent of each other and they are also deformable, where required, relative to the rest of the spring member. This deformability is facilitated by the spring parts not being pre-tensioned in the initial condition of the spring suspension mat 10. The spring members are interconnected for operative connection transversely relative to their first direction via connecting means 13, 14 16 substantially parallel relative to the surface. Spring members 12, 15 and connecting means 13, 14, 16 can themselves be configured in a space saving manner consequently with no additional auxiliary means, which, on the one hand, makes three-dimensional constructability possible, but, on the other hand, makes a separate installation frame or tensioning frame superfluous. The spring suspension mat 10 is preferably used on a fixed base such as, for example, a shell which corresponds to the desired shape, the disposition of the spring parts, nevertheless, giving the user the impression of conventional upholstery.